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Some of the hams of NEWSLINE RADIO...

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KU8R N8DTN W9JUV KC9RP K9XI KB5KCH KC5UD KC0HF G8AUU DJ0QN and
many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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The following is a Q-S-T. The French reallocate part of two

meters to the Olympics and the Voice of America will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on amateur radio.

FRENCH TURN OFF HAM RADIO FOR THE OLYMPICS

The French government has re-allocated and commercialized a part of the two meter band for use during the upcoming olympic games. France has ordered hams off parts of the band. Its a move that is seen internationally as possibly having a serious negative impact at the upcoming World Administrative Radio Conference and on other fronts as well. Here are the details.

According to Peter Guelzow DB20S and relayed worldwide over AMSAT channels, a special bulletin from the French national amateur radio society REF has been circulated throughout that nation. It states that during the 1992 Olympic Winter Games in Albertville the 2 meter frequencies 144.0 to 144.05 MHz and 145.95 to 146 MHz will be completely occupied by team members and service teams of some of the participating nations.

It says that throughout February any activity from Amateur Radio Stations in the French Departments of Ain, Haute-Savoie, Isere and Savoie is absolutely forbidden by order of the Direction de la Reglementation General. That's the French FCC.

Also that to insure total compliance, the Amateur Radio Allocation in those two sections of the amateur two meter band is suspended. The DRG also held a warning that any violation of this regulation would have negative consequences between them and the national ham radio society in future discussions. Seemingly this is aimed at the upcoming WARC.

DB20S says that this is far more than a national affair. He calls it is a violation by the DRG against the internationally accepted highly sensitive EME band. Peter says that it also affects the equally delicate and exclusive allocation for the Amateur Satellite Service, of which 145.950 MHz to 146.00 MHz is a major part. He asserts that this action damages highly important activities internationally.

DB20S believes that this may a get even reaction for recent criticism that was leveled at the French Radio Administration over the SARA experimental satellite taking up an allocation in the Amateur Space Service. Never the less, Peter feels that a formal protest at what he calls a flagrant violation against the worlds amateur service should be taken by AMSAT, ARRL and the overall International Amateur Radio Union would seem to be in order.

Not everyone agrees. Some experts see such a formal protest as a step that could alienate the French against amateur radio even further. They say that this could bring the most serious of

repercussions against all of the worlds radio amateurs at the upcoming World Administrative Radio Conference. Besides which, both sides agree that it is probably far too late to stop the ban.

ARRL NEWS

As promised, here are the key highlights of the 1992 Annual Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors, held recently in Newington Connecticut.

Outgoing President Larry Price W4RA began by detailing the progress of International Amateur Radio Union preparations for the upcoming World Administrative Conference. The leagues new President George Wilson W4OYI reported on the organizations overall financial position, its commitment to the IARU and the fostering of new technology. Wilson also commented on ARRL recruitment efforts and support of new amateurs, the exploration of new technologies and techniques of negotiated rulemaking.

Executive Vice President Dave Sumner noted, among other things commented on WARC-92 preparations, the ongoing success amateur operations aboard space shuttle missions, the addition of a public relations professional to the headquarters staff, a reduction of the DXCC backlog, the computerization of its records, and the League's request for some access to 216-220 MHz.

Sumner also reported on several problems. These included the undesirable on-the-air behavior by a tiny but highly vocal minority of amateurs, and a lag in reaching consensus on effective ways of managing the amateur spectrum. As a result, the Board voted that the President appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to examine ways to more fully incorporate input from volunteer repeater coordinating groups and repeater users into the Board's decision-making process. Also, the Committee on Amateur Radio Digital Communication will develop recommendations to be presented to the Board based on the survey now under way for changing Part 97 of the FCC Rules with respect to HF digital communications.

Several subtle changes were made in the nomination and election procedures for ARRL directors and vice-directors. This, in order to ensure the continuing integrity of the election process, including fair treatment of all nominees.

Later, the directors voted to engage a professional firm to survey members and non-members about League membership, services, and other matters. They also unanimously voted to authorize four-month trial memberships in the League for new amateurs, the cost set at one-third the appropriate annual membership.

Finally, the Long Range Planning Committee will solicit input from the membership on the possibility of changing the name of

the organization from the American Radio Relay League to something more indicative to non-amateurs of the League's make-up and purpose. This probably comes as a shock to many long time ARRL members who feel that the leagues name should be cast in concrete into antiquity.

That's all we have time to cover here. A full report on this years ARRL Board meeting will appear in an upcoming issue of Q-S-T magazine.

AARC

At least one person appears to be very unhappy with the outcome of the recent ARRL Board of Directors meeting. In fact this person seems very upset with just about everything that the ARRL does, and he has decided to start his own version of the group.

You guessed it. We are talking once again of Glenn Baxter K1MAN. Rather than making his voice known to the ARRL by running for elective office, Baxter has instead elected himself to serve as the interim secretary of his own pseudo ARRL organization. K1MAN calls his latest creation the American Amateur Radio Council. He says that its purpose is to provide an alternative to the ARRL's claim of being the sole national representative of amateur radio in the United States.

Hungarian ZA operations

The ARRL's DXCC desk says that QSL cards for Hungarian operations in Albania as ZA1HA, ZA1QA and ZA1DX are being accepted for DXCC credit. Licenses for these operations were issued by the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport in Tirana.

Recently, there has been confusion in Tirana over what a radio amateur is, and who has the authority to issue amateur licenses. The Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport and the Albanian Radio Sport Federation support a number of unlicensed radio enthusiasts. The Albanian Department of Post and Telecommunications had previously announced the beginning of an Amateur Radio service in Albania. Further, the PTT has had contacts with International Telecommunications Union and the International Amateur Radio Union. It also arranged for the training of Albanians in the technical, operating and the regulatory aspects of Amateur Radio.

The League says that in the future, the DXCC desk will only accredit those operations approved by the Albanian PTT.

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